

granted to the Northern Pacific Railway Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 4, 1926.

June 4, 1926.
[H. R. 10975.]
[Public, No. 334.]

CHAP. 473.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Missouri State Highway Commission to construct a bridge across Current River.

Current River.
Missouri may bridge,
at Van Buren.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given for the construction by the Missouri State Highway Commission, and its successors and assigns, of a free bridge and approaches thereto across Current River at Van Buren, in the county of Carter, in the State of Missouri, which bridge is now in the course of construction in accordance with plans that in the opinion of the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers provide suitable facilities for navigation. If said bridge be completed in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers it shall be a lawful structure, and shall be maintained and operated under and in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
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Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 4, 1926.

June 4, 1926.
[H. R. 11175.]
[Public, No. 335.]

CHAP. 474.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Missouri State Highway Commission to maintain a bridge across Current River.

Current River.
Missouri may bridge,
near Round Springs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Missouri State Highway Commission and its successors and assigns, to maintain and operate its existing bridge and approaches thereto across the Current River near Round Springs, nine miles north of Eminence, in the county of Shannon, in the State of Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 4, 1926.

June 4, 1926.
[H. R. 11357.]
[Public, No. 336.]

CHAP. 475.—An Act Extending the time for the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River in the county of Hennepin, Minnesota, by the city of Minneapolis.

Mississippi River.
Time extended for
bridging, by Minneap-
olis, Minn.
Vol. 43, p. 102, amend-
ed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge authorized by Act of Congress approved April 17, 1924, to be built across the Mississippi River, in the county of Hennepin, in the State of Minnesota, by the city of Minneapolis, are hereby extended one and three

years respectively from the date of approval hereof, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty-five years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of tolls shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

If tolls charged, rates applied to maintenance, and sinking fund.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., subsequently.

Record of cost, expenditures, and receipts.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 4, 1926.

CHAP. 476.—An Act To amend the Act of February 28, 1925, fixing the compensation of fourth-class postmasters.

June 4, 1926.

[H. R. 11084.]

[Public, No. 337.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of February 28, 1925 (Forty-third Statutes, page 1054), fixing the compensation of fourth-class postmasters, is amended to read as follows:

Postal service. Reclassification of salaries.

"The compensation of postmasters of the fourth class shall be fixed upon the basis of the whole of the box rents collected at their offices and commissions upon the amount of canceled postage-due stamps and on postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards, stamps on registry matter, including stamps to cover return receipts, insured and collect-on-delivery matter, canceled, on matter actually mailed at their offices, except the stamps affixed to pay the fees for special delivery service and special handling service, and on that part of the value of the stamps on the mail for transportation by air mail, canceled at their offices, equal to the postage which would be required on such mail at the regular domestic rates, and on the amount of newspaper and periodical postage collected in money, and on the postage collected in money on identical pieces of third and fourth class matter mailed under the provisions of the Act of April 28, 1904, without postage stamps affixed, and on postage collected in money on matter of the first class mailed under provisions of the Act of April 24, 1920, without postage stamps affixed, and on amounts received from waste paper, dead newspapers, printed matter, and twine sold, at the following rates, namely:

Fourth class postmasters.

Compensation fixed on specified receipts, etc.

Vol. 43, p. 1054 amended.

Additional sources.

Postage due, etc.

Vol. 33, p. 440.

Vol. 41, p. 583.

"On the first \$75 or less per quarter the postmaster shall be allowed 160 per centum on the amount; on the next \$100 or less per quarter, 85 per centum; and on all the balance, 75 per centum, the same to be ascertained and allowed by the General Accounting Office in the settlement of the accounts of such postmasters upon their sworn quarterly returns: *Provided*, That in adjusting the quarterly compensation of postmasters of the fourth class the General Accounting Office shall allow such compensation as may be shown by the quarterly returns to be due, not exceeding \$275 for the

Allowance based on quarterly returns.

Prorisos. Adjustment by General Accounting Office on proportional amounts.